

DADE HERITAGE TRUST, INC.
Board of Trustees
Minutes of the February 22, 1983 Meeting

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Dade Heritage Trust was called to order at 7:30 pm at Dr. Jackson's Office, 190 S.E. 12th Terrace. The following Trustees were present:

Timothy Carl Blake, President
Les Beilinson
Sallye Jude
Becky Matkov
Donald Slesnick
Marty Stofik

Also present were Executive Director Paul E. Thompson and Board of Advisers member Dolly MacIntyre.

A motion was made by Mr. Slesnick, seconded by Mrs. Jude, to approve the minutes of the January 18, 1983 meeting with one correction: Page 3, Political Action, paragraph 5, line 3 should read "speaker Frank Gilbert, Chief Counsel, National Trust for Historic Preservation." The Motion carried unanimously.

President's Report

Mr. Blake advised the Board that the By-laws require an annual meeting to be held in April of each year. After discussion, April 12, 1983 was selected as the date for the Annual Meeting, to be followed by a Board of Trustees meeting April 19, 1983.

He noted that there are six vacancies on the Board of Trustees to be filled by vote of the general membership at the Annual Meeting. Five Trustees will serve three-year terms and one will fill an unexpired one-year term.

The Board of Trustees will elect a President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer at its April 19, 1983 meeting.

Mr. Blake appointed the following Trustees to the nominating committee:

Sallye Jude
Margaret Wood
John Ward Clark
Donald Slesnick

An additional appointment will be made at a later date. Mr. Blake will serve ex-officio.

The Board congratulated Executive Director

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Paul Thompson and Bogue Wallin, Assistant Director, Metro-Dade Historic Preservation Division, for their work in producing the Florida State-wide Conference for Historic Preservation Boards and Commissions held on January 22, 1983. Mr. Blake said one result of the conference probably will be the creation of a state-wide alliance of boards and commissions under the auspices of the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation.

Mr. Blake also noted that Dade County is leading the state in the number of historic landmarks designated.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Thompson reported that he has been meeting with staff members of other preservation groups and agencies to design the framework for Preservation Week, May 8 - 14, 1983. Each participating organization will be responsible for hosting and coordinating specific activities.

Mr. Slesnick, as Political Action Chairman, will be responsible for selecting a member to serve as DHT's representative on the Preservation Week Steering Committee, which will hold its first meeting March 1 at Vizcaya. A copy of the letter inviting interested parties to the meeting is attached to these minutes ("A").

Mr. Slesnick said he was obtaining information on organizing a charter flight for interested persons to go to Tallahassee for Preservation Day, May 11. He will coordinate lobbying efforts for the Dade legislative delegation.

Mr. Thompson said meetings are scheduled to solicit a corporate sponsor to help underwrite Preservation Week activities.

Mr. Blake reported a large turnout for the February 18 preview party of the film "Wagner Homestead" at WLRN-TV. The film will air on Channel 17 at 8:00 pm, February 24.

Mr. Thompson submitted fact sheets and estimates for the completion of the restoration of Dr. Jackson's Office and the Wagner Homestead. A copy is attached to these minutes ("B"). He will be meeting with the Miami City Manager regarding additional funding for the projects. A full accounting of the latest work on Dr. Jackson's office will be submitted at the next Board meeting.

Development

Mr. Blake reported that Mr. Thompson and Trustee Richard Miller are working on plans for a major membership drive during Preservation Week. They will report to the Executive Committee.

A program cost analysis for the Tenth Anniversary Celebration was submitted by Mr. Thompson. A copy is attached to these minutes ("C").

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Development (continued)

Mrs. MacIntyre reported that the Miami City Commission has approved DHT reserving the Coconut Grove Exhibition Center for the dates of January 13 - 15, 1984.

A motion was made by Mr. Beilinson, seconded by Mrs. Matkov, to authorize Mrs. MacIntyre to settle accounts receivable with D.S. Clarke Antique Shows, Inc., to retain counsel if necessary, and to negotiate with D.S. Clarke Antique Shows, Inc. with regard to the termination or continuation of the contract between that corporation and DHT for sponsoring an antique show. The motion carried unanimously.

Publications

Mrs. Matkov reported that the first issue of Preservation Today magazine is scheduled to go to the printer March 21. She also reported that approximately \$2,400 of advertising has been sold for the March issue.

A publication party for Preservation Today will be held March 30 at Mrs. Jude's home.

Mrs. Stofik reported that the March issue of the Monthly Newsletter has been received from the printer and was being prepared for mailing by the staff.

Mr. Blake announced that a proposal is being made by DHT to the City of Miami for a grant to establish a book publishing program. A copy of the proposal is attached to these minutes ("D"). Mr. Blake, Mrs. Matkov and Mr. Thompson will meet with City representatives February 23 to discuss the project.

Historic Sites

Mr. Thompson reported on negotiations for moving and restoring the Brown House. A site has not been located, but two groups have expressed interest in using the house if a site for relocation can be found.

Mrs. Jude said that the Catholic Archdiocese of Miami is giving favorable consideration to two proposals for renovation of the Gesu School.

Mr. Blake reported that a coral rock house, used for a time as LaSalle Girl's School, on S.W. 27th Avenue at S.W. 12th Street is endangered by a proposed highrise office building. The Board agreed to try to find a new owner for the structure who can move it to a new site and renovate it. Announcement of availability of the structure will be published in the April issue of the Monthly Newsletter.

The Board was advised that representatives of the Freedom

Tower owners have assured DHT that air rights surrounding the building were purchased along with the structure and it will not be endangered by the proposed Port of Miami access bridge.

Mr. Slesnick reported that the Metro-Dade Historic Preservation Board visited the Vanderbilt Estate on Fisher Island. He said that the developer, who is building a luxury development around the mansion, is making extraordinary efforts to maintain the historic integrity of the property. The property owner is opposed to landmark designation at this time, however. The Metro Board will consider the property at its meeting February 24.

Old Business

Mr. Blake presented a grant proposal that was submitted to Metro-Dade Community Development Block Grant Program for acquisition and stabilization of the Opa-locka Train Station and to develop DHT's revolving fund. A copy is attached to these minutes ("E").

New Business

Mr. Blake reported that DHT has met with Mr. Myrick Howard, Executive Director of the Historic Preservation Fund of North Carolina, to obtain information on establishing DHT's revolving fund.

The fund will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dade Heritage Trust, established as a separate non-profit corporation. Trustees will be appointed by and report to the DHT Board of Trustees.

A motion was made by Mr. Slesnick, seconded by Mrs. Jude, to empower Mr. Blake to act as counsel to develop necessary documentation to establish the revolving fund and to reimburse him for costs incurred. The motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Slesnick, seconded by Mr. Beilinson, to apply to the Council of Arts and Sciences for a grant for Preservation Week 1984.

Mr. Beilinson reported that the Miami Beach Historic Preservation Board will begin the designation process of city-owned properties at its first meeting in March.

Mrs. Stofik reported that four properties have been designated as historic landmarks by the Miami Shores Village Council.

The Board was informed that efforts are being made to have Sunset Drive, except for the portion within the city limits of South Miami, declared an historic roadway. After discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Stofik, seconded by Mrs. Jude, to support, in concept, designation of the roadway to maintain its present appearance and number of lanes (two). The motion carried unanimously.

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Mrs. Jude announced that Kay Whittlesey has donated a quilt to DHT to be raffled off as a fund raiser. Tickets will be sold at the March 30 publication party and at the annual dinner, at which time the winner will be drawn.

Mrs. Jude also announced that the Channel 2 Auction is scheduled for April 8 - 17. The Board agreed to seek a member to act as chairman to coordinate DHT volunteers to work at the Auction.

Mr. Blake announced that Metro-Dade archaeologist Bob Carr is attempting to secure permission to excavate a site on the southwest quadrant of the DuPont Plaza parking area. Mr. Carr will be invited to the next Board of Trustees meeting to discuss the project.

The Next Board of Trustees meeting will be held March 15, 1983.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 pm.

Submitted,

Mrs. Marty Stofik

For: Mr. Gordon Pimm
DHT Secretary

Reviewed by: Thompson